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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8.

A case that recently occurred here, in which a respected white man was sentenced to receive stripes by a colored magistrate, apparently affords great delight to the radicals. The Washington correspondents of the radical press seized upon it with avidity, and telegraphed sensational accounts of it to all parts of the country, and the editors of the same press have commented upon it extensively, many of them gloating over the fact that, as they express it, the tables have been turned, and that those who were once so unsparring in the use of the lash, are now, and by the application of a law made to degrade and disfranchise their colored brethren, made to feel its sting. While the case affords only another instance of the utter incapacity of the average negro to fill an important position, the gratification it yields one of the two great political parties into which the country is divided is not calculated to increase the ardor, or brighten the hopes, of those who look forward to a happy and prosperous restored Union. The case was not one of petty larceny, but of civil trespass, and the sentence was not only an outrage, but showed the grotesque extremity to which ignorance and easily flattered negroes can proceed when dressed in a little brief authority, and the fact that the defendant is a hard working Scotchman, who never owned and never whipped a slave, indicates that in this case the motive was not to gratify revenge for supposed former injuries, but rather a silly desire to make a public exhibition of that authority.

A convention of the northern men who have settled in the South since the war will be held in Charlotte, N. C., on the 15th inst. There could be no more opportune time for such a convention to be held than when the efforts of Mr. Blair, as manifested by the Teller committee, to foment and keep alive sectional hate are so powerfully succeeded as they are at present by all the other ultra radicals. The South is content to leave her case in the hands of the men who have settled within her borders since the war, and who have lived long enough among her people to know and understand the true condition of her affairs. The proceedings of this convention will, if we are not much mistaken, go far to disabuse all prejudiced men in the North of the false ideas engendered in their minds by such work as that upon which the majority of Mr. Teller's committee is now engaged.

The two propositions—one from the Finance Committee, the other offered by General Bohls—for a conference of the holders of Virginia bonds with the General Assembly, or representatives thereof, were to come up for consideration in the Legislature to-day at 1 o'clock. The extreme radicalism, the Dispatch says, will support the resolutions reported from the Finance Committee, which purport, in effect, that the bondholders be invited to come to the State on the terms of the Barbours bill. Speaker Allen and a number of the influential radicalists desire to have a real conference—a comparison of views—with the bondholders, claiming that the State cannot possibly lose anything thereby, and that if the bondholders are unreasonable the radicalists can return to their constituents with strengthened arms.

Dr. Raffier in reply to a resolution of the House of Delegates requesting him to explain what he meant by "division of the public school funds," says he is glad of the opportunity offered to state he used the word "division" in its ordinary and proper sense of turning aside. That he only meant that the school funds had been turned aside from their lawful use in maintaining the public school system to other and different objects. He had no double meaning, and did not mean to mislead upon the conduct of any officer or department.

**Church Destroyed by Fire.**  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 8.—The Reformed Church at Franklin Park, N. J., was destroyed by fire, originating in an overheated stove, Tuesday evening. A thousand dollar organ had been put in on Monday. The building was about seventy years old, and was one of the largest and finest country churches in the State. Insurance \$7,000.

**Bogardus.**  
NEW YORK, January 8.—Capt. Bogardus commenced his feat of breaking 6,000 glass balls out of 6,200 this morning at Gilmore's Garden. At noon he had broken 362 and seventeen minutes later 500 without a single miss. Only about two dozen people were present at the commencement among whom was Dr. Carver.

**Price of Coal.**  
BURNSLEY, Jan. 8.—The decision of the colliers on Monday not to submit to a reduction of wages, has already sent up the price of coal, and in the event of a strike it is expected that prices will rise rapidly because the stocks are very low. It is generally believed that the masters at their meeting on Thursday the 9th inst. will offer a compromise on the question of wages.

**Financial.**  
LONDON, Jan. 8.—The feeling of disquietude regarding banking credit continued to form a feature of business in the stock market yesterday. Discussions of a doubtful character were heard respecting two or three establishments which are believed to be tried a good deal by the pressure of the times.

**Legislative.**—In the House of Delegates yesterday, Mr. Frazar presented a resolution of the citizens of Lebanon, Fairfax county, regarding the taxes levied and collected by the State for free school purposes, and in reference to repealing the present law.

He also presented a bill providing for submitting the question of liquor license or no liquor license to the qualified voters of Fairfax county, at the first election for district officers, and at every like subsequent election.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mass & Co., a small firm of stock brokers, in New York, have succeeded.  
Sponner & Collier, our wheel and pig iron dealers of St. Louis, have made an assignment.  
Mr. Alex. Murdoch, a prominent merchant of Baltimore, died very suddenly yesterday.

There has been great suffering among the poor of Atlanta, Ga., who are being relieved by the municipal authorities.

A meeting of republicans to attempt a reorganization of the party in Maryland was to have been held in Baltimore to-day.

The Brezilian Minister at Washington gave the first diplomatic dinner reception of the season on Monday evening.

W. N. Castle, defaulting city clerk of San Jose, California, on being arrested at Astoria, Oregon, Monday, blew out his brains.

The Baltimore Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor is supplying at this time upwards of a hundred families daily with coal and wood, and others with provisions.

A furious snow storm set in at St. Louis yesterday afternoon and continued all night. There were six inches of snow on the ground at an early hour.

A telegram from Memphis says no mailboats are moving on the Mississippi river, north of Vicksburg, nor on the Arkansas, White, St. Francis or the Upper Ouachita.

At the Cabinet meeting yesterday all the members expressed gratification at the success of resumption, and saw no reason why it should not be maintained successfully.

The Maine State receipts for the past year were \$1,200,000, expenditures \$1,273,000. The liabilities of the State are \$8,370,557. Resources, including cash in the treasury, \$1,959,955.

There is skating at Atlanta, Ga., for the first time in twenty years. Thousands of pounds of ice have been saved, the first time that such a thing has ever been known in that section.

Business men of Baltimore interested in the sugar trade are preparing to renew at once before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives the effort to procure a reform in the tariff.

Collector Pratt, of Newport, R. I., has received orders to dispatch the cutter Samuel Dexter in search of the Handkerchief Sheet light ship, which went ashore on the 21st inst. with a full crew aboard, and nothing has been heard from it.

By the yellow fever commission, in session at New Orleans yesterday, Col. D. E. Robinson, superintendent of the Mobile and New Orleans Railroad, testified that the losses to that road by the quarantine and epidemic were from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Two unknown men drove up to Goldsmith's pawnbroking establishment, in a cutter, in Chicago, yesterday evening, and while one looked the door the other broke in the show case and abstracted two trays of diamonds valued at \$7,000. The two then reentered the cutter and drove rapidly away.

The Teller committee at New Orleans commenced yesterday the investigation "of acts of violence and intimidation" in Louisiana. J. Ernest Breda testified to his being driven from Natchitoches on account of his republican politics before the late election. Similar "testimony" was given by V. A. Barron, John G. Lewis and others.

The Dutch East India Company, a trading association organized in Holland fifty years ago, and of world wide reputation, has taken steps for the first time to establish an agency in New York. The company has a paid up capital of fourteen and a half million dollars. The proposed establishment of an agency of the company in this country indicates a revival of that old trading spirit which at one time covered the high seas with the ships of the Netherlands.

Besides dealing in merchandise generally, the agency of the company in New York will add to its functions a banking and financial brokerage business on a large scale.

**Hunter's Execution.**  
"Benjamin Hunter is a strange man," remarked an official Camden, who had visited him frequently since it was announced that all hope had passed away and that he must die Friday next. "Sometimes he is moody, while at others he is as cheerful as ever. I don't know what to think of the man." In the meantime the preparations for Hunter's execution are progressing quietly, but surely, and he will be executed between ten and twelve o'clock on Friday, probably shortly after eleven o'clock, as it is an unpleasant job, and the Sheriff is naturally anxious to get it off his hands.

The execution machine, or gallows, will be a novel affair. It is part of the scaffold upon which Ware was hung. Sheriff Callahan desires to make it as private as possible, and therefore has decided to execute Hunter in the Court House building. On the first floor there is a large corridor, which extends from west to east and north to south. It is a dark, arched apartment, about twelve feet wide, and at the intersection there is quite a wide space. At this point the instrument of death will be rigged.

The Sheriff will utilize a part of the old scaffold, and the ropes will be suspended in the Court room above, where the weight is situated. It is one of the spring weight sort, and not of the trap door species, like that in Montgomery prison. Holes have been bored in the ceiling, through which the ropes will pass into the room above. The executioner will be situated in the upper room, and at a given signal, will cut the rope, and cause Hunter to jump in the air and then fall. A few strong minded women have solicited that they be allowed to witness the terrible scene, but they did not apply, personally to the Sheriff.

Hunter has been visited by the Rev. Dr. Allen, of this city, on several occasions, and is preparing for the fate which inevitably awaits him. He is carefully watched, and none but relatives are allowed to visit him.—*Phœnix and Record.*

A dispatch from Camden, last night, says: "The sheriff and his deputy were to-day engaged in fighting up and adjusting the gallows on which Hunter is to expire the crime for which he stands convicted. Hunter is anxious to realize his situation more sensitively as the fatal day approaches, and talks more solemnly than heretofore. He pays more attention to religious instructions, and in every way indicates that he has no hope of intervention by the higher courts in his favor.

**The Elections in France.**  
BERLIN, Jan. 8.—The German Press shows generally without distinction of party, great satisfaction with the results of the election in France. The North German Gazette intimates that the Republic can reckon on the sympathy of Germany so long as its policy reflects the moderate and reasonable views of Gambetta.

**Murder.**  
LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 8.—Robert Malone, postmaster at Bockley's Station, was murdered yesterday by an unknown party. The instrument used was a hatchet.

**Court of Appeals.**—This court met yesterday—all the Judges present.

Sutherland vs. Old Dominion Insurance Company. Motion for a rehearing filed.

A. D. Payne, Esq., of Fauquier county, and E. E. Meredith, of Prince William county, were allowed to practice as counsel in this court.

Walton vs. Commonwealth. Argued by A. D. Payne and Judge Thomas for plaintiff in error, and the Attorney General for the Commonwealth, and submitted.

**Daniel Foster.** one of the oldest citizens of Petersburg, is dead.

## LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
RICHMOND, VA., January 7.—Both houses of the General Assembly adjourned at quite an early hour to-day. Some bills were passed but no measures of general importance were embraced in them.

Gen. R. L. T. Beale has announced himself as a candidate for the position made vacant by the death of Hon. B. B. Douglas. Col. E. M. Braxton is also a candidate for the position.

It is understood that the President of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company has expressed his determination to put boats on the Potomac early in the spring despite the objections of the State prolix.

The boats are to be built with a capacity of 500 passengers.

The jolly and irrepressible St. Andrew is now in England, and will shortly visit France.

Some of his letters have been published in the State Dispatch, and they are good ones. But his private letters are better, and he writes regularly to his old newspaper friends here.

Some time ago he sent the Richmond Press (Club) a lot of handsome photographs of the great men of Europe—about a dozen altogether. In the whole continent of Europe there are not so many great men as can be found in one State—Virginia for instance. St. Andrew expressed a desire in his letter that these photographs should adorn the walls of the Press Club's sumptuous parlor, and his wish would have been carried out but for the fact that the president of the club took them home and forgot to bring them back. The club by resolution requested the president when he next wrote to the State to ask him to tell us something about the London papers, and to day a letter was received giving full information, the substance of which is that there are one hundred local papers in London, and there is yet room for another good live paper and an enterprising new bureau.

Speaker Allen and Dr. Moffatt will, it is understood, both speak to the House to-morrow, and deliver a conference with the creditors of the State. Some of the readers are in favor of a conference, but they want the creditors to come with the understanding that they will get nothing better than what is held out in the Barbours bill.

It is stated that Dr. Moffatt and Speaker Allen will not go this far, but are willing to have the conference so that both sides can be better understood each other.

A gentleman now in London, formerly living in Virginia, writes to a friend here that he intended to visit Gov. Holliday to the "Lord Mayor's Banquet," and asked the writer of the letter if he thought the Governor would come. It is supposed that the motives of the Lord Mayor in extending the invitation were sinister, and that his idea was to get the Governor over there in order that the Londoners might see a Virginian—in fact he wanted to get up a circus in a small way for the entertainment of his guests. The noble successor of the immortal Washington had the idea that the Governor of Virginia would be a man about eight feet tall, with a pair of those quiet eyes that belong to the Dick Turpin cavaliers, a red hair, and a pair of bushy eyebrows, a bloody hand, and a belated expression on his face; in fact a man to run away from, a man who would walk through every street in London and knock down people and rob them of every cent; a man that would borrow enough money to get a glass of beer, and shoot the lender if he asked the return of the money; a man who would pick a man's pocket, murder him, and then come back with the dead man's finger. If Gov. Holliday goes, the first question the afflicted Londoner will ask will be, "Is he going to be tied?" and even though he be assured that a double wire rope will be wound about the substantial form, and an iron trellised mask be in front of the robber visage, the Queen's jewels will be translated to Calcutta, and the stout stomach directors of the Bank of England will close in to destroy the Yankoo King, such "on and after date" the deposits will be received on the shattering banks of the Thames.

The Committee on Printing concluded the investigation into the Fryer's matter to-night.

**Letter from Clarke County.**  
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
WHITE POST, Jan. 2, 1879.—The new year is dawning upon us, and, commencing a career of its own, seems disposed to wipe out or cover up the "foot tracks" of its predecessor, at least to the extent that a moderate fall of snow could accomplish that end. I have now that the "state" is a clean one; the records of the year 1879 may be equally so. May we all be able to shun the imperfections of the past and strike out for better things ahead. The holidays have been spent about as usual in the country, at the pleasure of the young and thoughtless, and care to those who have the responsibility of life upon them.

The only celebration of the event in this immediate vicinity was a well dressed Christmas tree at the Episcopal church for the children of the Sunday school.

Although the freeze came at an inconvenient time, the hosts of the housekeepers have filled their ice chests with very fine ice, from 6 to 8 inches thick.

It is hoped now, that the holidays are about over, that our political servants may go to work and accomplish what is before them. Especially is this to be desired of our deeply legal Legislature. The people are becoming sick of the delay in settling the public debt, and I don't believe will permit politicians to keep the question alive only for selfish ends, but demand that an honorable and speedy settlement be made.

The construction of the Steamboat Valley Railroad through this county has been much retarded by bad weather. It is doubtful if it is completed before next spring. "The vicious circle" alluded to by you, opposing the delivery of the new county bonds, &c., was by no means considered by many. I think most of our citizens. On the other hand it was thought ill conceived, impolitic and unauthorized by the laws in the case. The right of petition is, however, unquestioned, and those who feel the want of the railroad have no evil consequences may follow in this case.

Our public schools are but partially opened owing to the want of funds.

**Too Much Legislation.**  
To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

I see a piece in the Gazette stating that Mr. Potter, of New York, says the people are suffering from too much Congress, which you endorse as correct, and say if Congress and the legislature were abolished for a while what a blessing it would be. I say amen. Can we not devise some means to abolish the legislature, at least for five years? If we can I think we can pay the State debt, and without making any more laws, viz: Apply to the Federal government for the amount that should be paid to them, to pay the State debt, and if that amount be not sufficient raise the tax 10 cents on the \$100. I know of no consideration for which the people of Virginia would consent to a higher tax than the present except the abolition of the legislature; say for five years to begin with.

**TAXPAYER.**  
Orange, Prince William Co., Va.

**The Russian Students.**  
LONDON, Jan. 8.—A telegram from Moscow states that the Kharkoff veterinary school has been broken up, and the Kiev University closed indefinitely in consequence of the riotous demonstrations of the students.

## VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

To the Senate yesterday a bill was reported and passed authorizing the Attorney General to contest the act authorizing the formation of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad in so far as it disposes of certain claims of the State for lands to the Norfolk, Petersburg and Southside and Virginia and Tennessee Railroads.

The resolution authorizing a distribution to the senators of Virginia of copies of Hotchkiss' Geographical Survey of Virginia not to exceed 500, and a bill to incorporate the town of Danville, in Calverton county, were passed.

The bill to provide that in case of election by part of the board of directors of a corporation not work a suspension of the whole rest, was rejected, and the amendments to the bill, authorizing a lien on all animals, vehicles, harness, &c., kept by a livery stable keeper to secure the payment for keeping the same, not considered.

Bills were introduced and referred to incorporate the Virginia Central Mining Co.; to provide assessment and levy tax on railroads; and other internal improvements for municipal purposes; to provide for the election of four commissioners for the county of Fauquier, and to amend the code of 1873 in relation to the board of visitors of Blackstone Mechanical College.

In the House of Delegates bills were introduced and referred in relation to pay of judges, &c.; to relieve the premisses of the State Agricultural Society of Virginia from attachment, &c.; and to incorporate the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association.

Bills were reported from committee to amend the code in regard to solemnization of marriage; to amend the code in relation to appeals, &c.; to amend the code so as to dispose with the August term of the Corporation Court of the city of Petersburg, with a substitute; to amend Sec. 1 of the act prescribing the time of holding trials in the Tenth and Eleventh judicial circuits; and a bill in relation to the testimony of persons charged with criminal offenses testifying in their behalf, also in relation to making and working roads in Loudoun, &c.; to incorporate the Salome Cemetery Co., near Middleburg; to protect burials; and to incorporate the Good Templar Relief Association of Loudoun.

Bills were passed to amend the code and the acts in regard to commissioners of courts; to amend the act to provide for the working of roads in Fauquier county; to amend the code in relation to removal of causes pending in one court to another, and in relation to the assessment of real property, in relation to the municipal taxation of real property of Alexandria.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. J. R. Carter and referred, for the appointment of a joint committee to determine the ultimatum of the bondholders in a final settlement of the debt of the State, and the ultimatum of the creditors in regard to the same, and report to the General Assembly on the 15th of this month the result of their joint action; that the two parties reported to form a basis of settlement, to be voted upon this fall at the November election; that the two parties agreed to accept of the result of the popular vote shall be the settlement of the same. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Tysler offered a resolution that the Finance Committee forthwith bring a bill proposing to the bondholders a settlement of the debt at the rate of forty cents on the dollar, to bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

The House agreed to the Senate amendment to House bill in relation to the assessment of real property for purposes of municipal taxation in Alexandria, &c.

House bill to secure to tax-payers the right for public education for their children came up. Mr. Mustbach withdrew his amendments.

Mr. Walker of Chesterfield offered a substitute, which was ordered to be printed.

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Can only repeat what I have said before, that Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was seen, two or three times since, in a private box, in a West-end theatre, with his arm around the waist of a married woman, not his Royal Highness' wife. We do not, for obvious reasons, like journalistic confidence of this kind of thing here, but the case is a question as to whether it will surprise us if one or other of the society journals notice it. We can forgive Prince Hal a good deal in view of his really good nature, but he must not flaunt his peccadilloes in the eyes of the world as he did the other night.—*London Letter.*

I have had much experience among athletes, ball players, gymnasts, and, can testify to the virtues of Giles' Eucalypti Ammonia Liniment for dislocation Bruises, and Soreness of the Muscles and Cords after violent exercise.

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[SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.

The death of another democratic member of the House, Mr. Julian Hartridge, of Georgia, which occurred this morning, the third within three weeks, is rather startling, and, were the House a newer a tie, and important political affairs were before it, would be twisted by the radicals into a triple manifestation of a special providence in their behalf.

As soon as the House of Representatives met this morning the death of Mr. Hartridge was announced by Mr. Cook, whereupon the following committee was appointed to make arrangements for his funeral and to accompanying his remains to Savannah, Messrs. Cook, of Georgia, Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, Cox, of New York, Stong, of Iowa, Davidson, of Florida, Hanson, of Indiana, and Cabell, of Virginia. The House then adjourned.

Mr. Aleck Stephens is not as ill as was reported in some of the morning papers and hopes to be in his seat in a few days.

The death of the late B. B. Douglas was announced in the House yesterday afternoon by Mr. Huguenin without previous consultation with the rest of the Virginia delegates, and the 221st inst. designated as the day on which resolutions of respect to the memory of the deceased would be introduced. The members of the delegation were notified to meet immediately after adjournment to day to appoint a committee to prepare the resolutions referred to, and for other purposes connected with their present duties.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Grover, of Oregon, reads a defense of himself against the charges recently brought against him relating to his alleged improper management of the finances of Oregon while he was Governor thereof, after which Mr. Wadleigh commenced a long speech in favor of his bill to revise the patent laws.

Justice Hunt of the Supreme Court, who has been stricken with paralysis, as stated yesterday, is no better, and though his death may not be imminent it is more than probable that his illness will necessitate his retirement from any of the active duties of life.

The nomination of Mr. Louis E. Payne, of Alexandria, for District Attorney of Wyoming Territory, will, it is supposed, be confirmed unanimously.

Generals who have lately returned from Richmond report that the opposition to the re-election of Senator Wickersham will first be directed against General Mahons and Mr. James Blair, and eventually settle upon the former, inasmuch as the Senator's good common sense and disinterestedness, together with his uniform and invariably courteous and kindness, will probably make him his own successor.

James McGrew, alias "Texas Jack," who made such a ferocious attack upon Captain Blackford, of the Capitol police, a short time ago, in which he broke the captain's arm, but was severely punished by the captain in return, had a preliminary examination this morning, and was bound over for his appearance before the grand jury.

The plague at Astrachan is assuming serious proportions. Plague has carried the contagion to three adjacent villages, and there have been 40 deaths from the disease up to January 4.

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Can only repeat what I have said before, that Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was seen, two or three times since, in a private box, in a West-end theatre, with his arm around the waist of a married woman, not his Royal Highness' wife. We do not, for obvious reasons, like journalistic confidence of this kind of thing here, but the case is a question as to whether it will surprise us if one or other of the society journals notice it. We can forgive Prince Hal a good deal in view of his really good nature, but he must not flaunt his peccadilloes in the eyes of the world as he did the other night.—*London Letter.*

I have had much experience among athletes, ball players, gymnasts, and, can testify to the virtues of Giles' Eucalypti Ammonia Liniment for dislocation Bruises, and Soreness of the Muscles and Cords after violent exercise.

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